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'Hearts Apart' brings 173rd STB family together

Story and photos by Amy L. Bugala

All eyes were on the skies as the families and friends of the 173rd Special Troops Battalion gathered in Memorial Park at Warner Barracks, Bamberg for the "Hearts Apart" balloon release Sept. 23.

Thirteen white balloons, representing the fallen heroes of the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team, were released into the sky during a moment of silence followed by 400 yellow balloons to honor the deployed Soldiers of their battalion.

Sheltering their eyes from the late day sun, children stared up into the sky long past letting go, tracking their balloon and message to their mom or dad. Through the crowd one could hear occasional shouts; "That's mine!" or "I can still see it!", "Where do you think it will land?"

"In a child's heart anything is possible," says Debbie Milhorn, 173rd STB family readiness group advisor about the strength and meaning behind the first time event. "One of these balloons just might make it to Afghanistan and that belief can



With a hug, Collin Whitbeck lifts Pierre Lurhuma up so he can see all the balloons.

Don't forget to film your Hometown Holiday Greeting this Sat. Sept. 29 outside the Bamberg commissary from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Families and friends of the 173rd STB release yellow balloons in Memorial Park in support of their Soldiers on Sept. 23.

bring mom or dad closer to a child's heart, even momentarily."

Donna Schultze, FRG member and spouse came up with the balloon release idea while watching a memorial service on

television and shared it with Milhorn. As the details came together, they both realized how powerful this could be for their STB family and decided to make this the next event for the group.

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Chief of Chaplains: Staying in Germany through deployment, the 'right decision'

Story and photo by James Fredrick

Maj. Gen. Douglas L. Carver, U.S. Army Chief of Chaplains paid a visit to Bamberg, Warner Barracks on Sept. 6 during his first tour of duty stations since his July 12 appointment. Carver, accompanied by Sgt. Maj. Tommy Marrero, Chief of Chaplains and Regimental Sgt. Maj., and Col. Donald Rutherford, US Army Europe Command Chaplain, spent part of the morning visiting with unit level ministry teams, followed by a sit-down with family readiness group leaders, spouses and community members. The general concluded his tour of Warner Barracks with a lunch at the dining facility here with senior leaders.

While meeting with spouses and community members at the chapel, Carver expressed his support and gratitude for those who had elected not to move state-side for the duration of their spouse's deployment.

"I think you've made the right decision staying here while your spouse is deployed," Carver said, "Here, you have others in a similar situation." He described how heavy deployment cycles can often be hardest on families that live outside of typical military communities, such as the families attached to National Guard and Army Reserve units, who don't have that built in support system.

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Chief Chaplain (Continued from page 1)

Carver fielded questions from family readiness group leaders and spouses who were concerned about Bamberg's current vacancy in the Family Life Chaplain position. Carver, with the assistance of USAREUR Command Chaplain, Col. Donald Rutherford, explained that the Army is currently short 500 chaplains and that steps are being taken to not only increase chaplain corps numbers in the long term but to prioritize and effectively manage assets in the short term.

"Top priority, of course, is to forward units moving downrange," said Carver. Next in line are OCONUS locations like Bamberg who have priority over stateside communities as an English speaking congregation may not be readily available. Due to heavy troop rotations, the candidates for the Bamberg position were di-

verted to units preparing for deployment. Rutherford explained that Bamberg should have a Family Life Chaplain in the very near future. Chaplain corps strains have also led to new strategies to fill rear detachment chaplain spots. Carver described new arrangements that have been made to guaranty a minimum of one rear detachment chaplain for every three deployed battalions within 90 days of the units moving down range.

Carver explained how the greatest concern for chaplains is not those who participate in community events and social or faith based groups, but rather those who may remain socially secluded due to the deployment of a spouse or being new to the post. He encouraged those in attendance to continue to be actively involved in the community and in particular to reach out to those who may seem isolated.



Maj. Gen. Douglas L. Carver, U.S. Army Chief of Chaplains answers questions during a sit-down with family readiness group leaders here at Warner Barracks,



Sgt. 1st Class Joseph Cuevas' children write messages to their dad to attach to their balloons. A bundle of white balloons representing the fallen Soldiers of the 173d ABCT, float above.

Hearts Apart (Continued from page 1)

Just now approaching the sixth month mark of a 15-month deployment, the balloon release is one of the many morale boosting events put together by the 173rd STB family readiness group leaders. "At the battalion level we come together every two to three months, but at the company level, groups meet at least once a month," says Jessica Prudhomme, 173rd STB family readiness staff advisor. "We're 178 spouses strong here," she adds.

Milhorn is sincere when she refers to the 173rd STB as a family and believes that strength is in numbers. She says that opportunities to come together like this to support our servicemembers wouldn't be possible without the help of the FRG leaders, volunteers and the rear detachment Soldiers.

"Our Soldiers stand along side one

another and so do we. With courage and strength we will get through the rest of this deployment together."

Within minutes, the sea of yellow balloons flew higher eventually fading from sight — their mission giving everyone a sense of hope, a moment to reflect and renewed strength to focus on the future.

How HOOAH are you?

The 173d ABCT is having a Hooah Day on **Fri. Oct. 12** from 9 a.m. to noon. The day will include mock door training, M16 or M4 firing, running the confidence course and a road march. All 173d spouses are invited to participate but must sign a liability statement and return it to their FRSA by Oct. 2. For more information, contact your battalion FRSA.

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USAG Bamberg Residents Reminded to "Practice Your Escape Plan"

USAG Bamberg Directorate of Emergency Services News Release

It's time for Fire Prevention Week. From October 7th - 13th, the USAG Bamberg Fire and Emergency Services (F&ES) are reminding all community members to "Practice Your Escape Plan." During this year's fire safety campaign, firefighters and safety advocates will spread the word about the dangers of home fires and teaching Soldiers, family members, civilians and contractors how to plan and practice escaping from their home or office in the event of a fire.

According to the latest National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) research, 3,030 people died in 2005 in home fires. That is roughly eight people every day. Being alerted to a fire and knowing what to do to escape from one are extremely important, yet only 23% of households have planned and practiced a home fire escape plan.

"Sometimes there are only seconds to escape, but there's no question that having a plan in place that has been practiced saves precious time and makes survival more likely," said Harald Doktorowski, USAG Bamberg, Chief F&ES. Fire Departments hope that Fire Prevention Week will prompt folks in our community to plan and practice their escape."

Recycling center now open for business!



The Bamberg recycling center's first customers walked through the gates with bags of recyclable materials in hand during the grand opening event on Sept. 25. These environmentally friendly students practiced their sorting skills, toured the new facility and received a chance to win a new bike. The new easily accessible facility is located on George Washington Loop, down the street from the Stable Theater and is open 24 hrs. a day, 7 days a week. Photo by Amy L. Bugala



Are you prepared for a fire?

Although it's difficult to prepare for the unexpected, reviewing the information below and taking action based on it to plan for a fire is strongly recommended....and don't forget to practice your escape plan during Fire Prevention Week!

- Ensure installed apartment smoke alarms are operative and tested monthly.
- Develop and practice a fire escape plan with everyone in your household that identifies two ways out of each room and establishes a family meeting place outside.
- If you do not have two ways out of each room (e.g. Apartment windows are above the 1st floor or you are unable to leave your apartment), have what the firefighters call a passive escape plan.

*In case of fire, **engage your passive escape plan** by sealing all doors and vents with duct tape or preferably wet towels to prevent smoke from entering the room. Open a window at the top and bottom so fresh air can enter. Be ready to close the window immediately if it draws smoke into the room.*

- Call the Fire Department at 0951-300-117 and let them know that you are still inside the building.
- Wave a flashlight or light colored cloth at the window to let the fire department know where you are located.
- Alert a firefighter by making noise such as banging items together. Whistling or calling out. Stay calm.
- Remember to practice your home fire escape plan at least twice a year!

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outside the Bamberg commissary from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.**



The Bamberg library cooks up a cultural experience

Juergen Hagemann samples some chili con carne made by Wilson De La Hoz during a Latino luncheon at the Bamberg community library on Sept. 19. The library's festivities featured a variety of traditional Hispanic dishes, piñata's, and a Spanish language book display arranged by the library staff. Photo by James Fredrick



Celebrate Hispanic Heritage on Oct. 10

Hispanic Heritage month is celebrated now through Oct. 15. The community is invited to attend a Hispanic Heritage month celebration on Wed. Oct. 10 from 11:30 to 1 p.m. at the Warner Club. Guest speaker will be Lt. Col. Ronald E. Pacheco Jr., 391st CSSB, Commander. Enjoy food sampling music and singing. For more information contact Sgt. 1st Class Curtis Freeman at DSN:469-8624 or Sgt. 1st Class Ishmael Asare DSN:469-9431.

Mark your calendars for **Red Ribbon Week** *"Take care of yourself....Take care of each other"*

USAG Bamberg Army Substance Abuse Program News Release

Hope for a Drug Free Community? Yes! This hope begins with each and every one of us making a commitment here and now to remain drug free and to, "Take care of yourself....Take care of each other," the theme for this year's Red Ribbon Week Campaign.

The Red Ribbon Campaign is a national campaign sponsored by the National Family Partnership (NFP) that was started when drug traffickers in Mexico City tortured and murdered DEA agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena in 1985. This began the continuing tradition of displaying Red Ribbons as a symbol of intolerance towards the use of drugs. The mission of the Red Ribbon Campaign is to present a unified and visible commitment towards the creation of a DRUG-FREE COMMUNITY.

Agent Camarena believed that one person could make a difference. His sacrifice serves as a catalyst to encourage others to make a visible commitment to

eradicating drug abuse from our homes, schools, communities, and nation.

As a community we can make a stand and commitment to a drug-free community. We can each choose to, "Take care of yourself....Take care of each other."



USAG Bamberg Red Ribbon Week Activities

Get involved in the week-long events and take the opportunity to be visible and vocal in your desire to help create a drug-free community.

Mon. Oct. 22— 5k Fun Run

Red Ribbon Week will kick-off for the USAG Bamberg community on Mon. Oct. 22 with a Soldier and civilian 5K fun run starting at 6:30 a.m. at the Freedom Fitness Facility. The entire community is invited to run with our Soldiers, the ROTC and the Bamberg High School cross country team in support of the campaign.

Poster Contest

Bamberg High School students are invited to participate in an essay and poster contest using the theme, "Take care of yourself... take care of others." First place essays will be featured in the Warner Weekly.

Community Information Booths

A community information booth will be set-up in the Bamberg commissary foyer on Tue. Oct. 23 and 24. Stop by to learn more about treatment and prevention resources.

Tue. Oct 23—Pledge to be Drug Free.

During lunch, BHS students can sign a pledge to be drug free, take a quiz and win prizes.

Fri. Oct. 26—Wear Red Day!

Show your support for a drug free community and wear red today! BHS will conduct an all school assembly from 2 to 2:50 p.m. featuring the Drum Corps, Drama skits, video productions, band, choir, and ROTC color guard. Essay and poster contest winner will be announced and awarded.

For more information about the Red Ribbon Week campaign or treatment and prevention resources contact Linda Riddle, ASACS Counselor at CIV:0951-303-103 or Darlene Copeland Prevention Coordinator ASAP at CIV:0951-300-1710.

Place **CLASSIFIED ADS** in the Bavarian News for **FREE!**

The text for your ad can be sent directly to the publisher via an online application www.rlehner.de/milcom/bn/free.html. Ads are free for members of the U.S. Army only.

Community Announcements

Videotape your holiday greeting at the Bamberg PX tomorrow

The Hometown Holiday news service will have a camera crew in Bamberg and Schweinfurt to record holiday greetings for broadcast on local stateside television and radio stations. The crew is scheduled to appear in:

Bamberg - Sat. Sept. 29 - outside the PX from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Messages will be aired on local network television stations nation-wide. This program is also open to DoD civilians. Some tips to keep in mind when preparing your greeting:

- Military members **MUST BE IN UNIFORM**. If a military spouse is deployed family members can still tape a greeting. It is recommended that Civilian not wear white, pink or stripe-colored shirts to the tapings.
- Greeting should be no longer than 15 seconds.
- Participants need to state five things within the greeting: who they are, where they are, who the greeting is going to, where they are and a holiday message.
- Do not mention any one specific Holiday in your greeting, so the spot can be aired for a longer period of time.
- The greeting must be to a relative, and you must bring an address (including zip codes) and phone number of the person. The address determines where in the U.S. the greeting will air. If you have friends and family in the same location you can mention your friends. The more information people provide to the hometown news crew the better the chance the greeting will air.
- You will have to fill out a release form. These really do air, so take advantage of this opportunity to wish your loved ones a safe and happy holiday season.

CID looking for leads regarding theft

The U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command is offering a reward of \$10,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible for the theft of Night Vision Devices from the Supply & Support Activities facility, Bamberg, Germany. Between Aug. 16 and

Aug. 21, person(s) unknown gained access to the Bamberg SSA and stole several different types of Night Vision Devices. The payout of cash rewards to military/federal employees for information leading to a conviction is contingent upon their actions regarding the information provided. Anyone with information regarding this incident should contact the Bamberg CID office at DSN:469-7776 or the Bamberg Military Police at DSN:469-7770/8700.



October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Make the promise to put your health at the top of that long "to do" list. The Bamberg Warner Barracks community is invited to wear pink and participate in a 5k fun run and walk in support of Breast Cancer Awareness. The race kicks off at 9 a.m. at the Freedom Fitness Facility track. Registration is open between 7:30 and 8:45 a.m. For more information contact the FFF at DSN:469-8890.

Gas coupon extension letter

AAFES expects to have their next series of gas coupons available (good thru 30 Sept. 08) no later than end of Oct. 07. In the interim, ESSO stations in Germany will continue to accept the current series AAFES fuel coupons beyond their 30 Sept. 07 expiration date until 30 Nov. 07.

To minimize risk of problems in getting ESSO stations to accept the current series of coupons after 30 Sept., customers can download and print a copy of the German language notification to ESSO stations from ESSO corporate headquarters. The notification authorizes and requires ESSO stations in Germany to continue accepting current series AAFES fuel coupons beyond their 30 Sept. 07 expiration date until 30 Nov. 07. Download at www.bamberg.army.mil and keep in your car.

Trick-or-Treat hours

The trick-or-treat hours for U.S. Army Garrison Bamberg Warner Barracks will be on Wed. Oct. 31 from 6 to 8 p.m. For a garrison wide list of Halloween and Harvest Fest events pick up a copy of the October MWR guide available at any MWR facility or download at www.bamberg.army.mil

Closures / Changes

Community Bank prepares for renovations

Community Bank will temporarily move into modular buildings while the bank undergoes extensive interior renovations and remodeling. The bank will be closed Oct. 9 and 10 for the move. Regular business hours will resume on Oct. 11 from the temporary buildings, located just behind the bank, and will remain the same during the renovation. One ATM will be placed in front of the entrance to the Main Exchange and will be active starting Oct. 9. Contact Melanie Cepe or Bill Moderhak at CIV:0951-37061 or DSN:469-8778 for more information.

Warner Club is open during renovations

Pardon our dust! The Warner Club is open for business during the ongoing exterior and roof renovations. Check out their Monday night buffets from 5 to 8 p.m. and XXL Sunday Breakfasts offered the 1st and 3rd Sunday of every month. Call CIV 0951-300-7596 for reservations.

Customs office relocates

The Bamberg U.S. Forces Customs-Europe offices are now located in the MP Building (Bldg. 7011) Rooms 124 and 125. Hours of operation will continue to be Mon. through Fri. from 8 a.m. to noon and from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. For more information call DSN 469-7460.

Freedom Fitness Facility closed Oct. 5-8

The Freedom Fitness Facility will be closed for deep cleaning Oct. 5 to 8 and will reopen on Oct. 9 at 5:30 a.m.

FFF lockers for daily use only

As of Thur. Oct. 4 all lockers at the Freedom Fitness Facility will be assigned to customers for daily use only. Customers with permanent lockers must remove all items from their lockers and turn in the key by Oct. 4. On Oct. 5 the locks will be cut. Items not claimed will be inventoried, bagged and tagged with the owners name. And should be claimed at the FFF by Oct. 12. This includes all 6 month locks assigned by the FFF and all personal combination or key locks. For more information contact the FFF at DSN:469-8890.

CIF closed Oct. 15 - 19

The USAG Bamberg Central Issue Facility will be closed for mandatory annual inventory Oct. 15 – 19. For more information contact Mr. Clifford Leach, CIF Manager at DSN 469-8544 / 8354.

Weekly Reminders

Recently re-deployed? Attend

Battlemind II briefing Oct. 3

Bamberg Social Work Services will be conducting Battlemind II briefings on the first Wednesday of every month at 9 a.m. The briefings are for Soldiers who have been re-deployed for 90 days or more and need their Post Deployment Health Readiness Assessment (PDHRA). Once Soldiers complete the briefing they will be sent to the health clinic to be cleared from MED-PROS. Additional Battlemind II briefing dates will be: Nov. 7 and Dec. 5. For more information contact Candice Keith at DSN:469-7793/9016.

Women's support group available

Stressed? A women's support group can help you adjust, cope and manage your stress. Stop by Social Work Services, Bldg. 7253, on Wednesdays from 1 to 2:15 p.m. For more information call DSN:469-7793.

Get to know Bamberg.

Attend next PEP Oct. 15–19

Are you new to USAG Bamberg? Get to know the garrison and the town of Bamberg by touring the city with the ACS PEP program. Learn how to use the public transportation system, how to shop and visit the Bamberg Klinikum. Free childcare is provided (space is limited). PEP is free and takes place Mon. Oct. 15 to Fri. Oct. 19, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Call Bamberg ACS at CIV 0951-300-7777 for details.

Your comments count!

The USAG Bamberg Post Office (APO) is looking for feedback via the Interactive Customer Evaluation system, or ICE. To submit an ICE comment regarding the APO click on ICE at www.bamberg.army.mil and tell us what you think. The Bamberg APO comment card is located under "Communications". For comments regarding the Bamberg Consolidate Mailroom (CMR) click on "Administration" and scroll down to "Mailroom".

Continuing Education

ACAP 3-Day DOL / TAP Workshop

Bamberg ACAP is offering a 3-day job assistance workshop for separating and retiring service members and their families on Oct. 16 and 17 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Oct. 18 from 8:30 a.m. to noon. All participants must complete pre-separation counseling prior to enrolling in this course. The 3-day DOL / Tap Workshop will be offered again December 11-13. For more information contact Olivia Whittier at DSN 469-8925.

Unit News

HHC 16th SB FRG meets once a month

The HHC 16th Sustainment Brigade family readiness group meets the second Thursday of every month at 6 p.m. at Preston Hall. The next meeting will be Thur. Oct. 11. For more information contact Staff Sgt. Bradley at DSN 469-7150. Additional meeting dates are Nov. 8 and Dec. 13.

Kids and Teens

Attend Pumpkin Festival Oct. 13

Pick your pumpkin from the pumpkin patch at the Pumpkin Festival on Sat. Oct. 13 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Pre-sale pumpkins, \$3 each or \$4 at the door. Kids can take part in a pumpkin dash starting at 10 a.m. Find a pumpkin marked with a gold star and keep what you find! Events all day! Chili cook-off, jumpy castle, pumpkin dessert contest, kindergarten fall picture contest, 1-6th grade fall poem contest and more. The festival takes place on the front lawn of the 4-319th HQ bldg. behind the garrison command bldg. Inclement weather location is BES gym. Event is sponsored by 4-319th AFAR FRG and Rear D. To purchase tickets or for more information contact pumpkin4319th@yahoo.com

Register Now for CYS Basketball

Registration for CYS Sports and Fitness Basketball is open now thru Nov. 2. The program is offered for children and youth ages 3 to 15 years old. The season will run from Nov. to Mar. Fee is \$46 per child. For more information contact CYS Sports & Fitness at CIV:0951-300-7452 or sign up at CYS Central Registration at CIV:0951-300-8660.



Staff Sgt. Wilfredo Buen, mortuary affairs NCOIC, 16th Sustainment Brigade, paints a fence at the local kindergarten in Mokren, Bulgaria. Soldiers, sailors and airmen donated their time to help with the kindergarten renovation project conducted by Navy personnel from the Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 40, commonly referred to as SeaBees. Buen is in Bulgaria as part of the Joint Task Force-East "Lion Strike" exercise from Sept. 17 through 28. *Photo by Pfc. Crystal Abbott*

Skate Nights are back

The next skate night will be held on Sat. Oct. 13. From 3 to 7 p.m. all ages are welcome. Admission is \$4 and skate rental is \$1. Ages 3 and under are free. From 7 to 10 p.m. the rink is open to grades 6 to 12 only and admission is free.

Job Opportunities

Thrift Shop looking for help

The Bamberg Thrift shop is looking for a Consignment Supervisor. The candidate will oversee all consignment activity for the store. This includes preparing Consignment Packets for customers, assisting customers in the completion of their contracts, and tagging items for consignment. Application will be accepted starting Oct. 1. The position will be open as of Oct. 16. Please see Thrift Shop manager during business hours for applications or call CIV:0951-32408.

School News

PTSA starts up Oct. 2

The Bamberg Parent Teacher and Student Association (PTSA) welcomes all new and returning families to the 2007-08 school year. The PTSA invites you to join them at the next meeting on Tue. Oct. 2 at 5:30 p.m. The group meets in the BHS Conference room at 5:30 p.m. Mark the first Tuesday of each month on your calendar and get involved!

Entertainment & Leisure

Join Jam Session at

Stable Theater Oct. 12

Looking for a place to play your original music, jam with other musicians or just hear some live tunes? Come hang out Fri. Oct. 12 at 8 p.m., on stage or off, in a relaxed open mic atmosphere. Instruments will be provided but you are welcome to bring your own. No cover charge / \$2 beverages. For more info call CIV 0951-300-8647.

"Painting With Light" Art Exhibit at CAC on Oct. 19

Learn all about Hungary through the eyes of artist and photographer, Ilona Wellmann, at a Hungarian cultural event on Fri. Oct. 19 at 6 p.m. at the Community Activity Center (CAC). Meet the artist, enjoy culinary samples, and listen to live music while experiencing the spirit of Hungary. The artist's photos and Hungarian Halas lace will be available for purchase until Nov. 4. Halas Lace making demonstrations will be at the CAC on Thur. Oct. 18 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Fri. Oct. 19 from 2 to 9 p.m.

MWR offers deployment specials

Special offers are available for family members who are affected by deployment at the Whispering Pines Golf Course, the Bowling Center, on tickets to Stable Theater productions, Arts and Crafts classes and more. Child and Youth Services offer 10 hours of free child care per month and extended hours at the Middle School Teen Center. Contact Juergen Hagemann at CIV:0951-300-7885 or CYS Central Registration at CIV:0951-300-8660 for details.

Join a book club today!

The Bamberg community library has a variety of book clubs for readers of all ages including: a Book Club for Mums, Young Adults, Adults, Animee Club, Ya Ya Club, and Junie B. Jones Book Club. For more information inquire at the library at DSN: 469-1740.

Trips & Travel Opportunities

Take a trip with ODR in October

Take a trip this October with Bamberg Outdoor Recreation

Oct. 5-7 Skiing and Snowboarding \$195

For our first ski and snowboard trip of the season we'll be heading to Austria for some intermediate and advanced glacier skiing and riding. We don't know where yet, but we're going to find you the best conditions possible. Includes transportation and two nights lodging with breakfast and dinner. Departs CAC at 10 a.m. and returns approx 10 p.m.

Thur. Oct. 11 Tour Under Bamberg \$20

This unique trip through tunnels under Bamberg gives a view of the city that shouldn't be missed. The tunnels are generally cool and damp, so please wear appropriate clothing and bring a flashlight. Departs CAC at 5 p.m. and returns 7:30 p.m.

Sat. Oct. 13 Day Hike in Little Swiss \$10

Throw on sturdy shoes or boots and warm layers for this beginner to intermediate hike in nearby Frankische Schweiz. We will be eating on the trail so please pack water, lunch and snacks. Departs CAC at 9 a.m. and returns approx. 5 p.m.

Wed. Oct. 17 Spa Day \$50

The perfect weekday getaway! Join us for a quick trip to Bad Staffelstein for a day of pampering and get home in time to pick the kids up from school! Includes unlimited access to numerous saunas, thermal pools (bring a suit) and a 15 minute massage. Departs CAC at 8:30 a.m., returns approx 2 p.m. No children.

Sat. Oct. 20 Mountain Biking \$10

Let Josh be your guide on an intermediate mountain bike ride through the local countryside. We'll ride approximately 30k with less than 1k of climbing. Bring your own bike, water and lunch. Departs CAC at 4:30 p.m. and returns approx. 8:30 p.m.

Sat. Oct. 27 Exploring Würzburg \$20

Come see the historic sites in Würzburg before they close for the winter. We will spend the morning at the Marienberg Fortress overlooking the city and the afternoon downtown at the Würzburg Residenz. A German tour is available at the Fortress in the morning and an English tour is available at the Residenz in the afternoon. Includes Transportation and admission to both sites/tours. Departs CAC at 8 a.m. and returns approx 6 p.m.

Trips fill up quickly, so reserve your seat now. Contact the CAC for more info at DSN:469-8659.

AAFES Bamberg Movie Schedule

AAFES Reeltime Theater is
CLOSED Tues. and Wed.



Fri.	Sept. 28	The Brave One (R)	7 p.m.
Sat.	Sept. 29	Underdog (PG)	4 p.m.
		The Brave One (R)	7 p.m.
Sun.	Sept. 30	Underdog (PG)	4 p.m.
		Hairspray (PG)	7 p.m.
Mon.	Oct. 1	The Brave One (R)	7 p.m.
Thur.	Oct. 4	Hairspray (PG)	7 p.m.
Fri.	Oct. 5	Resident Evil:Extinction (R)	7 p.m.
Sat.	Oct. 6	Rescue Dawn (PG-13)	3 p.m.
		Resident Evil:Extinction (R)	7 p.m.
Sun.	Oct. 7	The Bourne Ultimatum (PG-13)	3 p.m.
		Rescue Dawn (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Mon.	Oct. 8	Resident Evil:Extinction (R)	7 p.m.
Thur.	Oct. 11	The Bourne Ultimatum (PG-13)	7 p.m.

Outside the Gate

Weekend Events in and around Bamberg

Friday, Sept. 28

- 7:30 p.m. Brewery fest at Restaurant Kundmueller
(*Weiher 13, Viereth-Trunstadt, 96191*)
8 p.m. Basketball season opening party at Jako Arena
9 p.m. Aki Takase plays (*piano & sax*) at the Jazz Keller
9 p.m. Arek Frog's One Man Show at the Blues Bar
9 p.m. "Move to the Groove" at Club Kaulberg
11 p.m. Rock at Morph Club

Saturday, Sept. 29

All day autumn garden show at Castle Weingartsgreuth at Wachenroth, 96193 (*A3, exit 78 towards Schirnsdorf, Muehlhausen, then follow Hauptstrasse in Muehlhausen towards Wachenroth*)

- 7 a.m. German-American Volksmarching days, starting times from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m., 5k, 11k and 20k distances, at TSV Roethlein 1921 e.V. (*Am Sportplatz 1, Roethlein 97520 near Schweinfurt A70 exit 6*)
Call: 09721-34827 after 5 p.m.
10 a.m. Street fest at Lange Strasse, shopping area down town;
Noon: Free organ concert at the cathedral. Be on time as doors will be closed after start of concert.
8 p.m. 7th Oriental Belly Dance Show at the congress hall
9 p.m. Live concert with funk and soul at Blues Bar
9 p.m. "Skeletal Family" live at Top Act
(*Hauptstraße 26, Zapfendorf, 96199*)
10 p.m. 30 Plus party at Live Club (non-smoking)
11 p.m. "drum & bass" party at Morph Club

Sunday, Sept. 30

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9:15 a.m. Harvest fest with parade through Gaustadt to choir room Liederhort at Aufbaustraße 16
4:30 a.m. 1st chamber concert of Bamberg Symphonic Orchestra at Harmonie - Spiegelsaal (*Schillerplatz 5*)
5 p.m. Organ summer at St. Kunigund church
(*Joseph-Otto-Kolb-Str. 1*)
8 p.m. A Capella Night with several top acts at the congress hall
9 p.m. Live concert at Blues Bar

Tuesday, Oct. 2

- 9 p.m. Thomsen plays at the Blues Bar
10 p.m. Punkrock at Morph Club
10 p.m. "Come together" party till 5 a.m. at Pelikan
(*Untere Sandstr. 45*)

Wednesday, Oct. 3

- 8 a.m. Antiques and flea market in downtown Bamberg
11 a.m. Jazz breakfast with 20's and 30's style jazz at Café DaCaBo (*Heumarkt 7*)
5 p.m. Bach concert with violin and cello at Litzendorf church (*Litzendorf, 96123 A 73 exit Bamberg Ost*)
8 p.m. "Der Bajazzo", Puccini opera at E.T.A. Hoffmann Theater
9 p.m. Jazz session at Jazzkeller
9 p.m. Eddy Deckert plays at Blues Bar
9 p.m. "pit pop" party at Stilbruch

Travel to Oktoberfest in Munich - now through Oct. 7

Thinking about taking a trip to the largest beer festival in the world? Do your homework and come prepared! Download fest and public transportation maps, program and event schedules, opening times, family discount days and more at www.muenchen.de or at www.oktoberfest.de Both websites offer versions in English.

The Oktoberfest can easily be reached from the Hauptbahnhof (main train station) via public transportation (S-Bahn), or on foot (ten minutes). More information regarding tickets and prices can be found at: www.bahn.de Click on "Internat. Guests" at the top for the English version.

Once you arrive it's nice to know your way around, especially with the massive crowds that swarm the Wiesn. Whether your purse or wallet gets stolen, your child is lost in the crowd, or in the case of a medical emergency, help is never far away. Don't forget your mobile and this list of all the important numbers you need to know while at the Oktoberfest.

Oktoberfest Police:	089-500-3220
Lost and Found:	089-233-30298
The Red Cross:	089-5022-2222
Cab call:	089-21-61-0

Getting there couldn't be easier!

Our tip for travelers with time is the "Schönes-Wochenende-Ticket" (special weekend train ticket) from the Deutsche Bahn. With this ticket, five adults (or parents/grandparents with an unlimited number of their own children under 15 years) can travel on a Saturday or Sunday until 3 a.m. the next day wherever they want (in the second class) for just 33 Euro. This ticket is valid for all regional trains (=S, RB, RE) and the S-Bahn. The special ticket does not include transport on ICE trains - so getting to Munich from Bamberg could take up to 4 hours!

Another special offer from the Deutsche Bahn is the "Bayern-Ticket". This one day ticket is valid for five adults (or parents/ grandparents with an unlimited number of their own children under 15 years) for all regional trains (=S, RB, RE) in the second class within Bavaria and the MVV train network. The ticket costs 27 Euro and is valid for one weekday (Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 a.m. on the following day, weekends midnight to 3 a.m. on the following day).

As seen in the NEWS..

News summaries from September 21 through September 26

Shoot them down or not?

The German Minister of Defense, Franz Josef Jung, started a heated national debate. He calls for a change of the Constitution to allow the Army to shoot down a passenger plane when hijacked by terrorists. The German Constitution does not allow the trading off of human lives against the lives of others. The minister states that the defense of the nation will not be possible without that change of law. Left wing and green party politicians called for Jung's resignation.

Chinese leadership "dissatisfied" with Germany

The Chinese leadership heavily criticized the meeting of Germany's Chancellor Angela Merkel with the Dalai Lama, exiled religious leader of Tibet, as "meddling with internal affairs" calling it a "wrong step". The Dalai Lama praised the German Chancellor for sticking to her principles.

"Transrapid will be built in 2008"

The Bavarian prime minister Edmund Stoiber considers the financial status of the construction plans for a high velocity train connection between Munich airport and Munich main train station a safe and sound situation. Meanwhile, the City of Munich considers taking legal action against it since the project will cost an estimated amount of 1.85 billion Euro.

Join the police instead of the Army?

The Bavarian conservatives (CSU) have suggested that young men once drafted should not just join the Army but also have the option to work for the police, fire fighters or emergency services. The police union absolutely rejected the idea stating that "this could only be an idea arising at a Oktoberfest meeting." Police and emergency forces would require highly trained staff members and could not be supported by a "Bargain Police force made of drafted young men."

Marriage always to end after 7 years

The controversial County Commissioner Gabriele Pauli of Fuerth near Nuremberg suggested the introduction of time limits for marriages. The wedding vow should, according to her idea, to automatically end every 7 years. Couples could then decide whether to re-marry or not. The suggestion was met by criticism and ridicule. Pauli, who is currently running for Bavarian Prime Minister, was crucial in initiating the resignation of the present head of state, Edmund Stoiber.

Wife killed in the heat of the moment

Bamberg court decided that a 56-year old from Doerfleins (County of Bamberg) who killed his 38-old wife in December 2006 to have done it in the heat of the moment. According to witnesses, the woman had constantly humiliated her husband. The man was sentenced to five years in prison.

Tricksters offer black money

Tricksters are currently on their way in Germany with a absurd story. They hand out fake money saying that it was allegedly lamp blacked and could easily be cleaned at the dry-cleaner. Police is investigating.

Art statue "Apollo" almost financed

The Bamberg sculpture path is currently getting a sixth piece of art, a sculpture of "Apollo". However, the new contribution costs 150.000 Euro, but only two third of the money has yet been raised. Lord Mayor Andreas Starke is calling for more contributions.

Doing nothing will cost twice as much

The Joseph Trust has erected 16 flats at Hubertusstrasse. Now the Bavarian construction laws call the Trust to build a playground next to the homes. However, parents would rather keep the little meadow as such, saying that it was just perfect for their kids. The experts then stated that only by paying a fine of 26.000 Euro could the Trust get out of that obligation. That amount happens to be twice as much as the Trust would pay for actually building the playground. Lord Mayor Andreas Starke then asked the administration to find a way out of that dilemma.

Hassfurt guy saves family from fire

When a man came home late after midnight, he happened to see a fire in the home of his neighbor in Hassfurt. He immediately rang the bell, got the family of four out of the house and called the firefighters. Even though the fire caused a damage of 70,000 Euro, it could have been an even greater disaster. The emergency forces discovered that a propane gas bottle had been lying in the attic and the shell had already been charred by the fire.

Heinrichsdamm closed off for four weeks

Due to construction work around Wilhelmplatz, Heinrichsdamm and Franz-Ludwig-Strasse will be closed for four weeks. Franz-Ludwig-Strasse becomes a dead end from Luisenstrasse, no more right turns from Marienbruecke. The detour will be on Friedrichstrasse and Willy-Lessing-Strasse.

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